

JOINT RESOLUTION

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.

RELATIVE TO THE

Military instruction of the uniformed volunteer militia of that State.

FEBRUARY 25, 1859.—Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and the Militia, and ordered to be printed.

JOINT RESOLUTION relative to the military instruction of the uniformed volunteer militia of Michigan.

Whereas article second of the ratified amendments to the Constitution of the United States declares "a well regulated militia to be necessary to the security of a free State;" and

Whereas division fifteen of section eight of article one of the Constitution of the United States "authorizes Congress to provide and prescribe the discipline of the militia;" and

Whereas Captain George B. McClelland, one of the officers sent, by order of the War Department, to the seat of war in Europe in eighteen hundred and fifty-five and eighteen hundred and fifty-six, in his report communicated by the Secretary of War to the Senate of the United States February twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, in consideration of the events therein narrated, does recommend that the militia and volunteer system be placed upon some tangible and effective basis; that instructions be furnished them from the regular army, and that all possible means should be taken to spread sound military information among them: Therefore—

Resolved by the senate and house of representatives of the State of Michigan, That our senators be instructed, and our representatives in Congress be, and they are hereby, requested to use their influence for the passage of an act by Congress, authorizing the Secretary of War to detail annually an officer of each corps of the United States army for the proper military instruction (at such times and places as the governor shall request) of the uniformed volunteer companies of Michigan militia.

Resolved, That the governor be requested to forward a copy of this

preamble and resolution to each of our senators and representatives in Congress.

This joint resolution shall take immediate effect.

EDM. B. FAIRFIELD,
President of the Senate.

HENRY A. SHAW,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Approved February 15, 1859.

M. WISNER.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, }
Office of Secretary of State, }^{ss.}

I hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of a joint resolution passed by the legislature of said State with the original now on file in this office, and that it is a true copy thereof.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the
[L. s.] great seal of the said State, at Lansing, this 18th day of February, A. D. 1859.

E. A. THOMPSON,
Deputy Secretary of State.